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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
11 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
12 HONORABLE WM. FREMMING NIELSEN

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 CHARLES JAY EGLET,

17 Defendant  
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No. CR-19-086-WFN

Sentencing Supplement

SENTENCING: JULY 16, 2020 AT  
9:00 AM

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20 TO: William D. Hyslop, United States Attorney  
21 David M. Herzog, Assistant United States Attorney  
22 Alison L. Gregoire, Assistant United States Attorney

23 **I. Supplement**  
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1 Defendant, Charles Eglet, through counsel Roger Peven, submits the  
2 following letters of support from friends and family to be considered at the  
3 upcoming sentencing scheduled for July 16, 2020.

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5 Respectfully Submitted this 13th day of July, 2020.

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To The Honorable Judge Wm Fremming Nielsen

We (Steve and Vicki Eglet) are respectfully writing this letter on behalf of Charles Eglet. As his parents we are confused and have spent 2 years trying to figure out just how this has happened. To say we were shocked is an understatement! It is so out of character for the Charlie we knew.

We have always known Charlie to be kind, gentle, loyal and caring. He was responsible for caring for Steve during his cancer treatment, putting Steves needs before his own. After Steve recovered (as best he can) from pancreatic cancer Charlie stayed close to Steve to watch over him. They could often be found working together as referees for Spokane Youth Sports and various other organizations. It was difficult for Charlie to leave Steve's side.

Spring of 2018 I saw changes in Charlie. He became distant, avoided family, became isolated. Just prior to the arrest in 2018 I was concerned about alcohol and drug abuse. I received a call from Charlie the summer of 2018 in which Charlie stated "There is something wrong with my brain". I offered help of getting him to a counselor or anything else I could do. I innocently thought he was "just" dealing with depression along with alcohol abuse. Never in a million years would we expect what was to transpire. I believe alcohol and other addictions led, in part, to very poor decisions made by Charlie.

Since Charles arrest I believe he has made the best of a bad situation. He is concerned about his family and expresses remorse for the victims. Charlie has stated on numerous occasions, that he feels healthier than he has in a long time. He has seemed to be able to identify the unhealthy behaviors and look inward as to how and why he is in the situation he is in. In my conversations with him Charlie takes full responsibility and blames no one but himself. It breaks my heart to know he was dealing with his addictions in secret. He remains positive by working out in his cell when he can, reading extensively and talking with family on a daily basis.

I worry that Steve and I will no longer be living when Charlie is released, depending on the length of his incarceration. I do know that his siblings and extended family will be there for him. He has a good support network. I worry about his safety in prison and how he will be changed by the prison experience. I do believe he will make the best of the situation as he proven to do the last 2 years in the Spokane County Jail. Charlie expresses interest in working on a trade while in prison and to do everything in his power to become employable once released. He looks forward to the simple things of holding down a job and hanging out with his family. Charlies siblings (Charlie is number 3 of our 4 children) and their

spouses have been an amazing support to Charlie and ourselves though out this ordeal.

Thank you for your attention and I only hope you can see a glimpse of the Charlie we know. We ask that you consider his sentence with an open heart and mind. Steve and I feel that Charlie has learned so much about himself over the last 2 years and we ask for consideration of the most lenient sentence possible.

Sincerely,  
Steve and Vicki Eglet

To the Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen:

My name is Daniel Thew and I have had the fortune of being both a teacher and coach at Lewis and Clark high school starting in 1984. I coached both football and wrestling for over 20 years and as a result this allowed me to meet Charles Eglet when he turned out for the football team. During Charles four years at Lewis and Clark I had the privilege of getting to know Charles and his family on a personal basis.

I am humbly submitting this letter to you because I was asked by the family if I would be willing to write a letter of support for Charles expressing to you what my personal experiences and observations of Charles were.

First of all, I am in no way condoning the crimes that Charles has committed. I understand that Charles must pay a price for the crimes he has committed against these young girls. The girls that Charles took advantage of will feel the impact of his crimes for the rest of their lives and so it only makes sense that Charles should pay a price for his actions.

With that said, it is my wish that Charles is offered sex offender programs while in prison so that he can address his sexual addictions and work towards reform. I personally believe Charles is an individual who can be reformed and move forward as a law-abiding productive citizen. It is my hope that Charles may be incarcerated for a period of time that allows him to seek needed reform and yet still have an opportunity to be a productive citizen who can give back to his community.

The reason why I volunteered myself to write this letter is because of the positive traits I have witnessed in Charles during the time that I have known him and his family. Charles is a caring, hardworking, dedicated and well-meaning individual. He is a

committed individual who shows a great work ethic and is willing to work hard in order to reach his goals.

I realize Charles will always carry these crimes with him, but I do hope the court might show mercy on him so that he can get the help he needs in order to be able to move forward with his life.

In closing I wish to say that this has been one of the most difficult letters I have written since being at Lewis and Clark high school. Nobody wins in this type of situation and so I find it hard to express my thoughts as I would wish. I pray that all parties involved in this crime can find closure and move forward in a positive direction.

Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen I appreciate you taking time to read this letter. Many people have been affected as a result of this crime, but I believe you will make a decision that is fair to all parties involved. Thank you for your dedication and commitment as judge in our United States court system.

Sincerely

Daniel Thew

To the Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen,

Re: Charles (Charlie) Eglet

I have known Charlie for over 20 years now. Our first introduction was when my son, Jordan and Charlie were in the same classroom in their fourth grade year. They started having sleepovers in elementary, and were constant companions throughout middle and high school. There were a few years where, during summer break, the boys would bounce between our home or lake place for several days then stay at the Eglet's home for several. I would call Charlie's mom and we would joke about whether we needed to pay each other child support because they spent so much time in one home or the other, always together. Jordan, became so close to both Charlie and his younger brother Taylor that the 3 boys called themselves "the brothers" and Mrs. Eglet became, "momma Vicky" to him. Both Vicky and I proudly accepted the honor of being "another mother of the brothers". I continue to love all three of the brothers, including Charlie. I hope I can effectively portray to Your Honor the Charlie I have known and who I believe he is at his core.

In my experience, Charlie has always been a sweet, big-hearted guy, the kind of person kids and animals are drawn to and love. His younger cousins were often in the stands during sporting events and would be so excited to see him and he always took time to play and connect with them. During high school, Charlie helped out with the developmentally challenged boys basketball players and would be one of the few who would stay and cheer on their team when they played against other schools. When Mr. Eglet became ill with pancreatic cancer it seemed to really shake Charlie's world. While his friends were headed off to college and lives away from home, Charlie took on an extraordinarily active roll as a caretaker of his dad.

Charlie has been someone we have trusted with a key to our home and who we have called on to check on the house and to care for it and our pets while away. He was always willing to help out in anyway and I often depended on him to pull the newspaper off the porch and feed the animals and give them some attention. About 2-3 years ago Charlie lived in our basement apartment after a break up with a girlfriend. During that time Charlie seemed to be drifting somewhat but he remained trustworthy. He had free and welcome access to our home and did not abuse or betray our trust.

Most significantly, Charlie has always been someone my daughter and my husband's two girls cared for and have always felt comfortable with. We have talked extensively since his arrest and all three say that there was never anything in his behavior towards them that was even remotely inappropriate.

I fully understand and empathize with the victims of sexual abuse. When my daughter was 14 years old I learned that she had been abused as a preschooler. The devastating pain of those events have had far reaching and long term effects on not only her but my son and I, her grandparents, and extended family and friends. I would not wish that pain on anyone and I **would not** in any way be a part of supporting the release of someone who I believed was a habitual offender with even a remote chance they might re-offend. Yet I do, with confidence, believe that when he is let free, Charlie will not go back to the path he was on.

I believe that the period of time he was acting inappropriately was relatively a very short time and not indicative of a long-term pattern of behavior. When he is released he will have the support of his remarkably supportive family, all loving, responsible, and contributing members of their communities. His extended family is extremely supportive as well. He has my husband's and my support. He was a "good kid" who lost his way. It is my theory that he took care of everyone else, particularly his father, through a



very long and difficult illness that lasted several years and as a result of putting the needs of others before himself lost sight of his own direction.

My hope is that he be seen not just for the wrong he did but as a loyal, kind friend, a giving person who even as a teenager was able to look past his own needs to care for his family and though he most definitely lost his way for a time, will take every advantage to realize his potential going forward.

Thank you for your time.

Debbie Dahlstrom

Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielson,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Charles (Charlie) Eglet. I have known Charlie since his birth. My ex-wife (deceased) was living with Charlie's family when I first met her so I was around the family quite a bit. Even after the passing of my wife over 20 years ago, the family has remained very close to me. The parents, Steve and Vicki are two of the kindest people you'd ever meet and the kids are very much a part of my life. Charles, Taylor, Kaleena and Alyssa all know me as Uncle Denis, even though I'm technically not related.

Charlie was a very sweet kid and a good nephew to me. Whenever I came into town, I usually stayed at the Eglet house at least one night and interacted with the entire family. Charlie would occasionally wake up early and go running with me, not because he liked running, but because he wanted to be a part of what I liked doing. We have attended many sporting events together over the years as well as just hanging out around the dinner table or watching TV. One of my last encounters with Charlie was at the Oregon Coast. We spent hours just flying kites with the family.

I can't explain what happened and I'm still trying to make sense of it. I also won't make excuses but I do believe in second chances and I especially believe in Charlie. He has an exceptional support network not only from his immediate family but from dozens of aunts/uncles/cousins and friends. I will personally be there for Charlie whenever he gets released. I have previously extended an offer to him to come down to Oregon if he needed a change of scenery and that offer still holds.

My heart goes out to the victims. I pray that they have the support, resources and love that they need to get through this also.

I am here for Charlie. I honestly believe he can become his better self. I will do whatever I can to help him achieve that goal and I will hold him responsible when he doesn't. His life has taken a detour but he can make amends. He has the infrastructure in his life to help him do this.

Sincerely,

Denis Galvin

Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen,

My name is Alyssa Walsh. I am not able to be there in person with my brother today because of some prior commitments but I stand by Charles in spirit.

I believe my brother Charlie has always been tender and gentle but I believe he has dealt with drug and alcohol addiction later in his life, worsened by bouts of depression. These last several years he wasn't himself and is not a true representation of who he is. He is strong and resilient person. Maybe a little too strong, especially when it comes to asking for help. Charlie was always the person who would stand up for someone without a voice and be there for anyone who needed it.

As a kid, I remember Charlie's kind heart and temperament. It was easy for him to adapt and go with the flow and I saw that continue into adulthood. The Charlie I know would never intentionally hurt anyone. My last few memories of Charlie were of him playing with my infant son. Charlie lit up anytime he saw any of his nephews and nieces and he would do anything to help us with them and make them laugh.

I believe everyone should be given a second chance in life and one should not be judged by a mistake they made but rather how they handle themselves when they get back up. I am so happy to see Charlie in a healthier mental and physical state right now. He really has been making the best of his time. Charlie has read more books while in jail than most people do in their whole life. He has been doing push-up challenges and workouts to keep him physically active and playing card games and various other activities to keep him mentally sharp. He has been doing this with the very little resources they are given in jail.

I am also thankful Charlie has found a faith and is seeing God's grace in his life right now. I know Charlie is determined to better himself both mentally and physically while serving his sentence. He realizes how important this is and how this will help him succeed when he gets out. I continually worry about Charlie's safety and mental health in prison. My hope is that you can place Charlie in a safe prison where he can pursue education and counseling when needed so that he has a better chance at succeeding when he is released. Please be as merciful as you can when determining how long of a sentence he will serve and know that he has so much more good to offer this world and his life should not be over due to this mistake.

I continue to look forward to phone calls and letters from Charlie and cherish any visits I am able to have. I will continue to support him in any way he needs and we will be ready for the day he gets out of prison to support him and hold him accountable on the path he is determined to set out on. I know Charlie is strong and he will serve his sentence well and live a new life upon release.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Walsh

Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen,

My name is Jodi Burke and I am writing this letter on behalf of Charles Eglet. I have known Charlie since approximately 2005 when my oldest daughter, Ashley, entered Lewis and Clark High School as a freshman. Ashley attended a small Christian school called The Oaks and knew very few people at this very large new school. Charlie and Ashley rode the same bus and he extended friendship and kindness to her.

Charlie has been a guest in our home more times than I can count. In fact, I wouldn't characterize him as a guest but rather extended family. We have shared long conversations about everything from high school sports to life decisions. I have always found him to be protective of those he considered his friends, soft-hearted and extremely loyal. In fact, there was an instance where our middle daughter, Daisy, was being pressured by another boy into a compromising situation and he intervened and helped to remove her from a potentially dangerous situation. I have seen him stand with his friends when things were tough in their lives even when he suffered consequences of their behavior.

I have also seen Charlie in the role of baseball coach and mentor to our nephew who attends Ferris High School. This young man felt supported by him and respected his coaching ability and concern for him on and off the field. I saw his mentor/coach position as truly tapping into his strengths and expected him to really find a career path there.

I know that Charlie is in a very challenging position and will need to work hard to restore his opportunity at a bright future. However, I really do believe in him and his ability to take on challenges and work through difficult circumstances. The Charlie I know is a hardworking, loyal, kind and caring person. He will overcome this and move forward in strength, with a clear head and the support of all of those who care for him. My family and I will be among those who do just that.

Thank you for your consideration of my view, experiences and regard for Charles Eglet.

Sincerely,

*Jodi Burke*

June 26, 2020

Dear Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen:

I am writing with a heavy heart a letter I never thought I would compose. This is regarding Charles J. Eglet and his upcoming sentencing.

I have known Charles, really Charlie, since he was born. I am proud to say I am his godfather. I know him very well having watched him grow up. I have taken him camping and hiking. I attended countless sporting events where he was a participant. He has worked for me on part-time jobs since he was 16. He has helped me coach youth sports. We have enjoyed countless family gatherings and vacations. He has babysat my young children including two teenage girls.

I once picked him up from a week-long camp in Eastern Oregon when he was 15 and his parents were out of town. We had a great night together going out to dinner and a movie. He stayed at my house. He was a perfect guest and I enjoyed our time together.

I know Charles as a kind person who is very well intended. He is easy to get along with. He cares about others. He is not perfect. Who is? If you could see the care and patience he has displayed in trying to teach young kids sports you would know a very different Charles than the one portrayed by his accusers.

I hope you can appreciate a more complete picture of Mr. Eglet. I fear a sentence near the upper range of guidelines will hinder the work he apparently needs to do to make changes in his life. I am not minimizing what appear to be some very, very serious mistakes.

I know Charles can commit to life changes. He has demonstrated a strong will. I have faith that with help Charles will follow through on what he needs to do to move forward. I only wish I could have helped him more before these circumstances evolved.

I stand ready to support him as he continues to make changes in his life and as he faces future challenges.

I wish you the wisdom to dispense a fair and just outcome considering the balance of information you have at your disposal.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Pilcher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John R. Pilcher

June 18, 2020

Dear Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nelsen,

We are writing on behalf of Charlie Eglet, who we have known his entire life. It may be important for you to know a bit about us.

I, Patrick Winters, am retired as Professor Emeritus from Eastern Washington University. I taught at Eastern for 28 years, serving as the Professor of Music, Director of Bands, and Music Department Chair.

I, Joyce Winters, am a retired District 81 teacher. I taught at Mullan Road Elementary School for 19 years. Charlie was a student at Mullan Road as well.

We were shocked and heartbroken to hear of Charlie's current situation. We have always known him to be a happy, upstanding and well adjusted young man. The entire Eglet family has always shown a strong sense of wholesome Christian family values and integrity. Charlie and our son have been close friends since they were toddlers. They remained good friends throughout their school years. They played organized sports together, shared family vacations, participated in church youth group activities, and traveled together to San Francisco with the First Presbyterian Church Youth Group as volunteers doing charity work in poverty areas. We have always known Charlie to be genuinely kind, generous and respectful. We have seen this with adults, young kids and his peer group.

We are completely stunned and baffled by his legal issue because it is so drastically out of character for the positive young man we have always known Charlie to be. We have every reason to believe that he will rebound from this awful situation. It is our hope that he will be treated fairly and receive the help and support that he needs, so he is given the opportunity to steer his life in a positive direction. In fact, we are fully committed to helping Charlie and will stand by him and support him in any way we can.

Please feel free to call on us at any time if we can provide anything further.

Sincerely,

Patrick and Joyce Winters

To the Honorable Judge William Fremming Nielsen,

Your Honor,

My wife and I would like to convey a few personal thoughts to you prior to the sentencing of Charles Jay Eglet. We have known Charlie since the day that he was born 31 years ago. The Olney children and the Eglet children all grew up together and they were almost inseparable going to the same daycare and the same church for a number of years. Because of the distance between our two homes, our kids did not go to the same schools.

We do not know all the acts that Charlie perpetrated that got himself into trouble, but they seemed very much out of character for the good student-athlete that we witnessed growing up. Charlie's parents Steve and Vicki Eglet have been lifelong friends of ours since the early 1980's. We do not know what caused the changes in the Charlie that we had known. We do know that when Charlie's dad Steve was fighting pancreatic cancer several years ago, it was Charlie who was at this dad's side, in doing everything in helping with Steve's care, his meals and providing much needed moral support.

In your sentencing, we hope and pray that Charlie will get the help and assistance that he so needs in returning to the Charlie that we once knew.

Judge Nielsen, we thank you time in reading this letter and for your consideration in this difficult sentencing.

Thank you,

John and Kathleen Olney



The Honorable Judge Nielsen:

I am Merle Eglet, uncle of Charles Eglet. The purpose of this is to offer my knowledge of the man standing before you today. I remain perplexed by his situation as nothing in my association with him over these 31 years would even remotely suggest that the acts attributed to him were within his capabilities. I have always been impressed by the gentle, non-aggressiveness of his demeanor.

Knowing of his learning challenges I have always felt that he was working to make the very best life possible within his capabilities, and do not find anything that would suggest that he was of the intent to debase anyone or create any commercial opportunities from his life.

My hope in presenting this is that you will consider the entire person while deliberating and render the most compassionate sentence allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Eglet

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Dear Honorable Judge Wm. Fremming Nielsen:

I am writing to you regarding Charles J. Eglet and his upcoming sentencing. Charlie is my older brother so I have known him all my life. Growing up, wherever Charlie went, I was often close behind him. When I think about my life, many of my fondest memories involve Charlie.

A lot of my favorite memories with Charlie involve sports. We competed on teams together and against each other in the backyard many times. He is very hard working and always has his teammate's back. If there was something he could do to make your job easier, he was always going to do it. When things got difficult and your back was against a wall, Charlie was always the teammate you wanted there with you because you knew he had the grit and determination to accomplish what was necessary.

Charlie has always been a very patient and caring person. As a little brother who always wants things my way, I have tested the bounds of his patient and care many times. While I do not doubt that I have frustrated my brother many times, Charlie has always remained patient and cared for me. I lost track of the number of times Charlie set aside what he wanted to do, or wanted to eat or where he wanted to go, etc. just to do something that was going to make me happy.

My brother has made some bad decisions and I know he would be the first person to admit that. I have had a difficult time squaring the decisions he made with the person I know. I do not believe that anyone should be judged solely on his or her worse decisions and I hope I am able to provide a more complete picture of who Charlie is for you.

Since his arrest, I have talked to Charlie almost every weekday. In talking to him, I know he is dedicated to making changes in his life. I also know he is mentally and physically healthier than he has been in a few years. I know Charlie has the dedication and determination to make the necessary changes in his life. I will continue to support him in any way necessary to make these changes, just as he has supported me repeatedly in my life.

I thank you for taking the time to read this to try and get a more complete picture of who my brother is.

Sincerely,

Steven Taylor Eglet